

421C.1 State debt coordinator — established — duties — authority.

1. The office of the state debt coordinator is established within the department of revenue for administrative and budgetary purposes. The office is to be headed and administered by the state debt coordinator.

a. The governor shall appoint the coordinator, subject to senate confirmation. The coordinator shall possess an expert knowledge of and skills in the field of debt collection and have an intricate understanding of the workings of state government. The coordinator's term of office shall be four years, beginning July 1 of the year of appointment and ending on June 30 of the year of expiration.

b. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the state debt coordinator, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

c. The coordinator shall not engage in any occupation, business, or profession that would interfere with or be inconsistent with the coordinator's duties. The coordinator shall not serve on or under any committee of any political party or actively campaign on behalf of a candidate for elective office.

2. The duties of the coordinator shall include all of the following:

a. Coordinating the internal operations of the office and developing and implementing policies and procedures designed to ensure the efficient administration of the office.

b. Appointing all personnel deemed necessary for the administration of the functions of the office as provided by this chapter.

c. Developing and recommending legislative proposals deemed necessary for the continued efficiency of the office's functions and reviewing legislative proposals related to matters within the office's purview.

d. Reviewing the debt collection practices of each branch of state government, except the practices related to the collection of delinquent child support obligations.

e. Coordinating the collection efforts of each branch of state government.

f. Making recommendations to the general assembly to improve and increase debt collection efficiencies and practices.

g. Filing a notice of a lien and negotiating a settlement as provided in section 421C.2.

h. Managing the debt settlement program established in section 421C.3.

i. Accepting and maintaining county attorney collection reports required under section 602.8107, subsection 4.

j. Accepting and reviewing county attorney applications to the debt settlement program as required by section 421C.4.

k. Adopting rules deemed necessary for the administration of this chapter in accordance with chapter 17A.

l. Assisting the director of revenue in preparing the annual budget request related to the office pursuant to section 8.23.

m. Reporting annually to the department of management and the legislative services agency on additional full-time equivalent positions added during the previous fiscal year and the direct and indirect costs related to adding such full-time equivalent positions.

3. The state debt coordinator shall have the authority to appoint a designee to carry out certain duties provided in this chapter.

4. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the office of the state debt coordinator shall be provided access to all state debt collection information, including full viewing access to the Iowa court information system, for the purpose of collecting personal identifying information and collecting or coordinating debt collection efforts. This section does not apply to debt collection information related to delinquent child support obligations.

5. Personal identifying information or financial information obtained by the state debt coordinator or a designee shall not be divulged to any person or entity, other than to the debtor, unless the information is used in a matter related to the collection of a debt obligation owed the state.

2010 Acts, ch 1146, §9, 27

Referred to in §421C.2, 602.8107

[P] Senate confirmation, §2.32